GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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GRAMIN SANCHAR SEVAK SCHEME
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Gramin Sanchar Sevak Scheme' (GSSS), launchedrecently as a pilot project has received encouraging response from rural households;

(b) if so, the number of telecom districts in which the GSS Scheme has been working successfully, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to convert this pilot project into a fullfledged scheme across the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gramin Sanchar Sewak Scheme is available in 262 telecom districts of the country. State-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(c) BSNL has taken up the matter with Department of Posts for expansion of this scheme across the country.

ANNEXURE

STATE WISE DETAILS OF GRAMIN SANCHAR SEVAK SCHEME.

Sl. No.	State	No. of Diostricts where GSS Scheme is available
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	5
2	ASSAM	6
3	BIHAR	31
4	JHARKHAND	15
5	GUJARAT	8
6	HIMACHAL PRADESH	7
7	JAMMU & KASHMIR	2
8	KARNATAKA	6
9	KERALA	13
10	MADHYA PRADESH	10
11	CHHATISGARH	15
12	MAHARASHTRA	5
13	NORTH EAST-I	
	MEGHALAYA	3
	MIZORAM	3
	TRIPURA	2
14	NORTH EAST-II	
	ARUNACHAL	0
	MANIPUR	1
	NAGALAND	3
15	ORISSA	24
16	RAJASTHAN	10
17	TAMIL NADU	8
18	UTTAR PRADESH	57
19	UTTRANCHAL	12
20	WEST BENGAL	16
Total:	262	